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SUBJECT: CIVAIR: DISCRIMINATION AT ROME AIRPORTS

REF: A) ROME 6698 AND B) 4417

1. IN LIGHT OF REFTEL (A) DOT GENERAL COUNSEL SENT
FOLLOWING LETTER TO TREASURY GENERAL COUNSEL:
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QUOTE: ON FEBRUARY 23, 1977, SECRETARY OF TRANSPORTATION
BROCK ADAMS, WROTE TO SECRETARY BLUMENTHAL CONCERNING
DISCRIMINATION AGAINST U.S. CARRIERS AT THE AIRPORTS IN
ROME, ITALY. FAILURE TO COLLECT LANDING FEES FROM
ALITALIA BY THE AIRPORT AUTHORITIES HAS BEEN FOUND BY THE
SECRETARY OF TRANSPORTATION TO BE A VIOLATION OF THE

INTERNATIONAL AIR TRANSPORTATION FAIR COMPETITIVE PRACTICES ACT OF 1974, PUB. L. 93-692- SECRETARY BLUMENTHAL WAS REQUESTED IN THE LETTER OF FEBRUARY 23 TO COMMENCE COLLECTION OF COMPENSATORY CHARGES FROM ALITALIA PURSUANT TO SECTION 3 OF THE ACT.

WE HAVE BEEN INFORMED BY THE U.S. EMBASSY IN ROME THAT ALITALIA HAS PAID AIRPORT LANDING CHARGES DUE FROM 1974

TO DATE. THIS PAYMENT BRINGS ITALY INTO COMPLIANCE WITH THE ACT IN REGARD TO LANDING FEES. (CONSULTATIONS ON OTHER MATTERS ARE STILL TAKING PLACE.) IT WILL THEREFORE NO LONGER BE NECESSARY FOR THE TREASURY DEPARTMENT TO COLLECT COMPENSATORY CHARGES FROM ALITALIA. END QUOTE

2. EMBASSY MAY THEREFORE ASSURE ITALIANS, AS DESIRABLE, THAT THIS ISSUE HAS BEEN SATISFACTORILY RESOLVED, AND THAT COMPENSATORY CHARGES WILL NOT BE ASSESSED BECAUSE OF IT.

3. ITALIANS SHOULD ALSO BE MADE AWARE, HOWEVER, THAT OTHER DISCRIMINATION ISSUES REMAIN OUTSTANDING. NOTE REPORTED IN REF B IS THOROUGHLY UNSATISFACTORY WITH REGARD TO GROUNDHANDLING AND CHARTER USE OF FIUMICINO. DO ITALIANS MEAN TO SAY THAT THEY INTEND TO CONTINUE TO DISCRIMINATE AGAINST U.S. CHARTERS BY DENYING USE OF FIUMICINO? DEPARTMENT AGREES THAT BILATERAL DOES NOT RELATE TO THE ISSUE, BUT THAT DOES NOT MEAN THE U.S. CANNOT ACT TO REDRESS BALANCE. WHEN CAN RULING REGARD-LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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ING ALITALIA'S STATUS IN RELATION TO SAR GROUND HANDLING MONOPOLY BE EXPECTED?

4. IN ADDITION, WE UNDERSTAND FROM AIRLINES THAT ITALY INCREASED GROUNDHANDLING FEES ON APRIL 1 WITH LITTLE NOTICE AND NO CONSULTATION. REQUEST EMBASSY SEEK COST JUSTIFICATION FOR THIS INCREASE IN ORDER THAT DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION MAY JUDGE IT IN LIGHT OF FAIR COMPETITIVE PRACTICES ACT. CHRISTOPHER

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